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PRESS RELEASE

ATTORNEY GENERAL CALDWELL FILES AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF ABOUT CONSOLIDATION AND TRANSFERRING OF OIL SPILL CASES

(Baton Rouge, LA)--Attorney General Buddy Caldwell filed an amicus curiae brief June 16, 2010 before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation regarding the pending motions to consolidate and transfer cases stemming from the Deepwater Horizon explosion and subsequent oil spill. Attorney General Caldwell writes that should the panel determine that consolidation of the cases is appropriate, the Eastern District of Louisiana is the most appropriate venue for consolidated proceedings citing the court's proximity and connection to the disaster, as well as the convenience for affected litigants and witnesses.

"The impacts from this catastrophe are, and will continue to be, most keenly felt by Louisiana's citizens including the families of those Louisiana offshore workers who lost their lives in the explosion, those who were injured, the fisherman and their families who depend on Louisiana's natural resources for a living, and the citizens who live along Louisiana's coastline, which is already fragile and disappearing at alarming rates," stated Attorney General Caldwell.

A copy of the brief is attached for your reference.

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